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TAGS: ETRD, CS
SUBJECT: BANANAS STANDARD GIVES IN UNDER PROTEST

REF: SAN JOSE 2510

1. DE LA ESPRIELLA OF STANDARD INFORMED EMBOFF THIS AFTER-
NOON (JULY 1) THAT STANDARD TOLD THE GOCR IT WILL PAY A 25 CENTS
PER BOX EFOR TAX UNDER PROTEST. DE LA ESPRIELLA SAID THIS
DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE OF THE PROSPECT OF SERIOUS
PROBLEMS FOR THE INDEPENDENT GROWERS WITH WHOM STANDARD HAS
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE SAID ALSO THAT STANDARD WOULD
CONTINUE PRODUCTION ON ITS OWN PLANTATIONS.

2. DE LA ESPRIELLA MADE IT CLEAR THAT STANDARD DOES NOT
RPT NOT CONSIDER THIS AS CAPITULATION ON THE TAX ISSUE
SINCE THE COMPANY WILL NOW TAKE ITS CASE TO THE COURTS. HE
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CLAIMED HE HAD NOT BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH

UNITED AND "EXCEPT WHAT IS IN THE NEWSPAPERS" (REFTEL)
DID NOT KNOW WHAT UNITED'S POSITION WAS. HE POINTED OUT,
HOWEVER, THAT STANDARD'S NEW STRATEGY WAS BASED ON UNITED'S
STANDING FIRM IN ITS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOCR SINCE
IF UNITED AGREES TO A TAX OF 25 CENTS AND MODIFIES ITS CONTRACT
ACCORDINGLY, THE GROUND WILL BE CUT OUT FROM UNDER STANDARD'S
LEGAL POSITION. (UNITED'S CONTRACT SERVES AS AN UMBRELLA FOR
ALL FOREIGN FRUIT COMPANIES).
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